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1 — Access to Animas River closed after Gold King Mine spills toxic metals into water, Farmington (NM) Daily Times, 8/7/2015

http://www.daily-times.com/four_corners-news/ci_28601678/officials-declare-state-emergency-close-animas-river-san

San Juan County Executive Officer Kim Carpenter declared a state of emergency Friday night and closed access to the Animas River throughout the county.

2 — Navajo Nation, San Juan County officials continue to handle toxic waste plume, Farmington (NM) Daily Times, 8/9/2015

http://www.daily-times.com/four_corners-news/ci_28613676/navajo-nation-san-juan-county-officials-continue-handle

Officials with the Navajo Nation, San Juan County and the state of New Mexico are trying to keep residents informed about the Animas River after an estimated 3 million gallons of contaminated water was released from the Gold King Mine north of Silverton, Colo.

3 – Navajos plan to sue EPA over river cleanup, Albuquerque Journal, 8/10/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/625960>

The president of the Navajo Nation said Sunday that he intends to sue for “every dollar it spends cleaning up this mess” after Environmental Protection Agency employees accidentally released at least 3 million gallons of wastewater, including potentially harmful metals, into a river that breached the sovereign nation’s borders this weekend.

4 — Despite push-back, Obama aggressive on climate change, Dallas Morning News, 8/9/2015

<http://www.dallasnews.com/business/energy/20150807-despite-push-back-obama-aggressive-on-climate-change.ece>

Last Monday, President Barack Obama took his biggest step yet in establishing an environmental legacy that could make his two terms in office the most consequential for the environment — and for the U.S. energy industry — in four decades.

5 — Entergy plans going off coal at Redfield, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/8/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/08/entergy-plans-going-off-coal-at-redfiel/?f=news-arkansas>

Entergy Arkansas is proposing a phaseout of coal usage at its 1,700-megawatt White Bluff coal plant in Redfield as part of adhering to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's draft plan for the state's compliance with visibility rules established in 1999, utility officials informed the agency Friday.

6 — Entergy Arkansas Proposes Shutting Down White Bluff Power Plant, KUAR, 8/7/2015

<http://ualrpublicradio.org/post/entergy-arkansas-proposes-shutting-down-white-bluff-power-plant>

Entergy Arkansas Inc. on Friday proposed what it called “a more reasonable, long-term, multi-unit approach to address Arkansas’ regional haze” in response to the federal Environment Protection Agency’s rejection of the state’s earlier plan to improve visibility in wilderness areas.

7 – Detail on deal for solar farm slips out: 5¢, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/6/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/10/detail-deal-solar-farm-slips-out-5-20150810/>

Entergy Arkansas intends to pay a little more than 5 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity from a proposed solar farm near Stuttgart. The amount was mentioned at a July 30 meeting of the Arkansas Public Service Commission and is one of the few details known about an agreement between Entergy and NextEra Energy Resources.

8 — SWEPCO learning its place in new federal emission goals, Shreveport Times, 8/9/2015

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/story/money/business/2015/08/09/swepco-learning-place-new-federal->

[emission-goals/31394273/](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/emission-goals/31394273/)

Reducing greenhouse gases is the goal of strict new regulations announced last week, and limiting reliance on coal to generate power is the means. The final federal plan is less tough on Louisiana than its draft, but power providers are still staring down impact to their generation capacity.

9 — On climate change, an interview with Science committee chiefs Lamar Smith and EBJ, Dallas Morning News, 8/7/2015

<http://bizbeatblog.dallasnews.com/2015/08/on-climate-change-an-interview-with-science-committee-chiefs-lamar-smith-and-ebj.html/>

These written interviews with Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, and Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas, were conducted as part of the reporting for a broader story examining the fight in Congress, and in Texas, over the EPA's aggressive agenda under President Obama.

10 — The Clean Power Plan: Let the litigation games begin (opinion), McAllen Monitor, 8/9/2015

http://www.themonitor.com/opinion/commentary-the-clean-power-plan-let-the-litigation-games-begin/article_554f1812-3c86-11e5-9329-234c267c6938.html

Although a good, sound policy, President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan — the rule regulating greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants — will unleash a torrent of litigation rivaling that following the passage of the Affordable Care Act. Most major environmental rules generate legal challenges, but there are three reasons why this one will generate a litigation tsunami.

11 — Editorial: Texas should stop suing over clean power, start negotiating for the future, Longview News-Journal, 8/8/2015

<http://www.news-journal.com/news/2015/aug/08/editorial-texas-should-stop-suing-over-clean-power/>

We won't say the Texas power-producing industry is exactly on the leading edge of change, but it has been playing by the rules set forth by the state. Fortunately, it has not always followed the state's example.

12 — Small-business rep: New EPA rule will be costly to state (opinion), The Oklahoman, 8/8/2015

<http://newsok.com/small-business-rep-new-epa-rule-will-be-costly-to-state/article/5438809/?page=1>

There's no such thing as a free lunch. Someone always has to pay. Always. That's certainly the case with the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan. While the plan certainly has support, the truth is that implementing it won't be cheap.

13 — Editorial: Reorganizing the economy to deal with global warming is an issue for Congress, not the EPA, Tulsa World, 8/9/2015

http://www.tulsaworld.com/opinion/editorials/tulsa-world-editorial-reorganizing-the-economy-to-deal-with-global/article_6de93b77-5183-59ee-913a-71a9843bd95d.html

The Obama administration rolled out an aggressive effort to battle global climate change last week, a final version of the EPA's Clean Power Plan. In the plan, EPA claims authority from the Clean Air Act to force existing power plants to reduce carbon emissions by 32 percent in 2030 compared to 2005 levels. States are given flexibility in meeting that goal, but must begin implementation by 2022.

14 — EPA issues another complicated regulation, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 8/9/2015

http://www.mrt.com/business/article_84b3d97e-3d32-11e5-b20a-83b37b219acd.html

The Environmental Protection Agency announced on Aug. 3 its final regulations on greenhouse gas emissions from power plants in each state. Called the Clean Power Plan, EPA, once again, has issued far-reaching regulations that are impossible to achieve in the real world.

15 — Another unworkable plan (opinion), Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/8/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/07/another-unworkable-plan-20150807/?f=opinion>

President Barack Obama has a new plan to fight global warming, and science is on his side, isn't it? No, not exactly. But wait, calculations show the economy will benefit, don't they? No, not

even close--consumers will take a bath. Well, finally, the Constitution backs up the effort's legality, does it not? It does not.

16 — Grant to aid Cabot wastewater work, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/8/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/09/grant-to-aid-cabot-wastewater-work-2015/>

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$485,000 to Cabot for installing new wastewater-treatment equipment, according to a news release from the agency last week.

17 — Study: Corps decisions, not Orleans Levee Board, doomed canal walls in Katrina, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/8/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/08/corps_decisions_not_orleans_le.html#incart_river

Design decisions by the Army Corps of Engineers -- not actions taken by the Orleans Levee Board -- were to blame for failures of floodwalls on the 17th Street and London Avenue canals during Hurricane Katrina, according to a peer-reviewed report published Thursday.

18 — It was tooth and nail to get fluoride in water supply, San Antonio Express-News, 8/8/2015

<http://www.expressnews.com/150years/education-health/article/It-was-tooth-and-nail-in-effortsto-put-additive-6432186.php>

The fluoridation of San Antonio's water was a contentious source of debate for 15 years before its final approval by voters in 2000. For years people were afraid of adverse effects despite the benefits shown by the scientific community. Until 2002, San Antonio was the largest city in the U.S. without fluoride in its public water supply.

19 — Big problem with Amite River means bad news for boaters, freshwater fish, plant life, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/8/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13110157-123/big-problem-with-amite-river>

A man-made canal is draining the Amite River dry, and to save it, officials will have to redirect the flow. In the 1950s, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dug a diversion canal linking the flood-prone Amite River to Blind River. Crucially, to regulate the flow between river and canal, they

built a weir — an underwater rock wall that directs most of the stream into the Amite but allows drainage into the canal during periods of high water.

20 — A balloon, camera and plastic bottle help NOLA students track wetlands' health, web magazine reports, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/8/2015

http://blog.nola.com/new_orleans/2015/08/a_balloon_camera_and_plastic_b.html#incart_river

Travis Haas' academic studio students at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts are using a plastic soda bottle, helium balloons and a camera to track the health of the wetlands in the New Orleans area, Slate reported.